

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, and ending at page 3, line 2, as follows:

--The arrangement of the conventional motion image coding apparatus using the H.264 coding method will be explained with reference to Fig. 13. This arrangement is also explained in reference 1 ("Overview of the H.264/AVC Video Coding Standard" (IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS FOR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY, JULY 2003)) or reference 2 ("H.264 Now Starts, Outrivaling Slow-going MPEG-4" (Nikkei Electronics 2003.7.7, pp. 65-74)).--